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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

VIA : (1) Assistant Director, Office of Intelligence Coordination
(2) Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request for External Research Project

1. This Office recommends the undertaking of an external research

major source of [] economic and social weakness, but there is a great need for better information and a clearer understanding of just what this tax structure comprises and how it affects the country's fiscal position. We believe that an analysis of this type would be of value not only to CIA (O/RR, O/CI, and O/NE) and the other intelligence agencies, but also to MSA and the Department of State which have policy responsibility for encouraging [] reforms in this field.

2. Such a study should cover at least five aspects of the problem: (a) the characteristics of the [] system; (b) its strengths and weaknesses; (c) the causes behind the development and perpetuation of such a system; (d) the political, economic, and social effects; and (e) existing proposals for reform. We would envisage a study of between 50-100 pages in length, with a 3 or 4 page summary.

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4. [] papers are now in process for a position with O/CI. This matter has been discussed with O/CI, and that Office's concurrence in this proposed undertaking is noted below. It is expected to be some time before [] actually enters on duty in O/CI, and after his entrance on duty it is expected that he will be engaged in work of a different nature.

5. We would propose to pay [] the sum of \$500.00 for a study of this kind. Sufficient funds have been requested in the budget of O/NE to permit this expenditure.

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6. Approval of the Projects Review Committee for the initiation of this project is requested.

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APPROVAL:

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for ROBERT AMORY, JR.
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

12 Aug '53
Date

DD/I Office states it has advised the Comptroller's Office of this project.

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